

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

II. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-20 are pending. By the present amendment, Claims 11-19 are amended, and Claims 1-4, 6-7, and 20 are withdrawn. Claim 8 is allowed. As support for the amendments to Claims 11-19 may be found, at least, in the specification and Figs. 1-6, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

III. SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-20 are subject to a restriction and an election requirement. The Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: species I, depicted in Figs. 1-6; species II, depicted in Figs. 10-13; and species III, depicted in Figs. 16-17.

IV. ELECTION/RESTRICTION

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects with traverse species I, depicted in Figs. 1-6. Applicant respectfully contends that at least claims 8 and 11-19, as amended, read on elected species I. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144 and the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

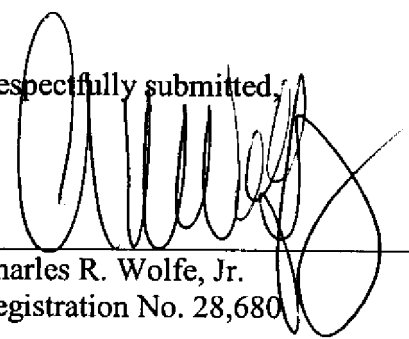
Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 8 and 11-19 are allowable because the Examiner previously allowed Claim 8 and Claims 11-19, as amended, depend on Claim 8.

V. CONCLUSION

Consequently, in view of the present amendments and foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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